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## COMMITTEES MAKE CANVASS IN CHURCH DRIVE

Workers of St. Luke's Parish Spend Yesterday Afternoon Rounding Up Aid for Year's Work

From Monday's Daily. Yesterday was held the every member canvass of the Episcopal church in this city and for this purpose a captain and lieutenant had been appointed, who visited in person every member of the St. Luke's parish and enrolled them in the program of the church's activities.

## DRAWS DOWN FINE

From Monday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon Officer William Grebe was at the Burlington station when he discovered a gentleman evidently suffering from an overdose of contraband liquor and took the man into custody and brought him to repose in the city bastille. This morning the man, who gave the name of Thomas R. Baggett, was brought before Justice William Weber on the complaint of County Attorney A. G. Cole and drew down a fine of \$10 and trimmings amounting to \$13.50 which he paid and was sent on his way rejoicing.

## LOOKS OVER THE MEN CAUGHT WITH YEGS' EXPLOSIVES

James Buell, Head of Detective Agency Here Saturday to Look Over Men Captured Thursday

Saturday afternoon James Buell of Omaha, head of the Buell Detective Agency, was here with one of his assistants to look over the two men that were captured here Thursday night by William Grebe and who are in face trial here for being caught with explosives such as are used in blowing safes and bank robbery.

The two men, Burton and Butler, have maintained a stolid silence as to their past history but it is thought by the authorities that they have previous criminal records and it was to investigate this fact that Mr. Buell made his visit here. The man Burton in particular is suspected of being involved in other operations and it is thought may develop his identification as "Arizona Joe," a well known character in the southwest, and as he stated that he was from Tucson, Arizona, the matter will be looked into fully.

## DID NOT SECURE GOODS

A. O. Ault of Cedar Creek, whose store was burglarized recently, was at Omaha to look over John Davis, the man captured by the Buell Detective Agency, and while the man was caught in possession of a large amount of stolen property, none of it was taken from the Ault store. Mr. Ault states that Davis acknowledged having served fifteen out of the last seventeen months at the Nebraska penitentiary, two years at the San Quentin prison in California and has just finished a five year term in the Missouri penitentiary as well as time in other prisons over the country.

## HOLDS ELECTION

From Tuesday's Daily. Last evening Mystic Encampment of the I. O. O. F. held their election of officers at the lodge rooms and the session was quite largely attended. The following officers were named:

## MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

Saturday evening at the office of County Judge Allen J. Beeson in the court house occurred the marriage of Miss Helen Pilney and Mr. John Lenz, both of this city. The judge in his usual pleasing manner performed the ceremony that united for life the two young people and at the close they departed rejoicing in their new found happiness. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Pilney and was born and brought up in this city and is very popular among a large circle of young friends.

## COMING FROM EUROPE

From Monday's Daily. Hermann Reichstadt of this city received a message from his youngest brother, Arthur Reichstadt, announcing that he had sailed on November 23 from Antwerp, Belgium, on the Red Star liner, "Laplant," for the United States. The young man is coming direct to Plattsmouth after landing and will make his home in this city. Mr. Reichstadt is twenty years of age and has been employed on the railroad in Switzerland as a machinist up to the present time but the change from steam to electric power has done away with a large number of employes and the young man decided to come to the new world where he has several brothers already located and doing well. He is expected to arrive in this city Friday or Saturday.

## RETURNS TO CALIFORNIA

From Monday's Daily. Last evening Mrs. L. E. Burton departed for her home at Los Angeles (California) after a visit of several weeks here with old time friends and which was very much enjoyed by the old friends who had not had the opportunity of visiting with Mrs. Burton. While here she made final disposition of the Burton property here to George A. Dodge, who expects to erect a new residence there in the future.

## CITY COUNCIL HOLDS ITS REGULAR GRIND

DISCUSSION OF THE POLICE SITUATION TAKES PLACE AT MEETING OF DADS.

From Tuesday's Daily. Last evening when the gavel of Mayor C. A. Johnson called the city council to order there were two of the body of legislators absent from the assembly. Councilman Bestor of the first ward and Councilman Knorr of the third being the two members.

A communication was received from Clifford Clark asking permission to open a gas filling station at 6th and Pearl street in front of his place of business and on motion this was referred to the judiciary committee. The city council also received a communication from the Crosby & Moore undertaking company of Omaha stating that on Monday, November 27th, they had occasion to exhumate two bodies from Oak Hill cemetery and that it required an hour and a half for the work and of inquiring of the sexton the cost of the labor had been informed it would cost \$20 and they requested the matter be referred to the cemetery committee as they thought the amount excessive. Mr. Tulene, the sexton, who was at the council meeting, asked permission to say a few words, which was granted and he stated the job had taken practically the entire forenoon and that he had secured the assistance of Mr. Swoboda, the sexton of the Catholic cemetery to assist and that the price was not excessive as this class of work was such as to receive higher price than the digging of a new grave.

The communication from Attorney A. L. Tidd in which he opposed the creation of the special police force appointed during the present emergency was the occasion of more or less discussion by the members of the council. Mr. Tidd questioned the right of the appointment of the police by the mayor and threatened action against the mayor and councilmen if they granted the payment of the members of the force from outside of the city and as well raised other questions relative to the difficulties that has led up to the creation of the special police force and made special condemnation of the Burlington railroad and officials of the road.

Councilman Ptacek stated that he knew nothing of the appointment of the police as he had not been consulted and asked for information as to how and why the men had been appointed and if there was power to appoint the police without the consent of the city council.

Mayor Johnson stated that there had been several men appointed on the police force from among the citizens of Plattsmouth but those from outside of the city were not to be paid by the city from its funds.

City Attorney C. A. Rawls, at the request of the council, gave an outline of the law on the subject of the appointment of police in which the statutes gave the mayor power to appoint the regular police with the consent of the council, but special police could be appointed by the mayor when an emergency existed that demanded them and that the city council had by resolution authorized appointment of special police some time ago. The city attorney gave as his opinion that it was perfectly legal to pay the police force from the funds of the city. He thought the mayor had acted wisely in the matter in handling the situation and while everyone had their own viewpoint of the case they must act as the dictates of their conscience prompted for the best interests of the city.

Mayor Johnson stated that he thought the city should do all possible to keep their own affairs clean rather than have outside forces be called in to handle the situation with troops or otherwise and had done what he had thought best for the interests of everyone.

Councilman Ptacek stated that there were none of the men on strike on the force of police and did not think they cared to be there but he did not think it right that men who were boarding Burlington employes should be on the force.

Councilman Howe inquired as to how many men were on and for what length of time they were to serve. Mayor Johnson stated that there were 16 men on the new force and that they could be dispensed with any time the situation might warrant.

Councilman McMane stated that he thought every citizen should do their utmost to assist in keeping away from the sores that had been engendered in the industrial controversy between the railroad and its former employes and to do all possible to see that the difficulties were cleared up with justice to all sides and the peace and welfare of the community.

Councilman Howe inquired as to the office of police chief and Mr. Rawls stated that the sheriff had designated the head of the department as deputy sheriff and that while he did not have the title of chief of police he was the head of the present

force of men during this emergency. The result of the discussion was that the communication of Mr. Tidd was placed on file for future reference.

## OVERTURNED TAR POT CAUSES FIRE

Roof of H. M. Soennichsen Store the Scene of Much Excitement—J. C. Brittain Burnt.

From Tuesday's Daily. For several minutes yesterday afternoon the roof of the H. M. Soennichsen store building just west of the Journal, was the scene of more or less excitement and for a time it seemed as though a serious fire would result from the effects of the tar on the roof of the building catching fire. The roof was being repaired by P. A. McCarty and John C. Brittain and to heat the tar to a sufficient consistency that it might be applied to the surface of the tin roof, an oil stove was being used. The men were busy at work shortly before 4 o'clock and without any warning the tar began to boil over into the flames of the stove and in a second the tar pot was ablaze. Mr. Brittain seeing the fire rushed to the stove and with the aid of a pair of pliers endeavored to jerk the pot off the stove and succeeded in doing so only after receiving very severe burns on the right hand and having his overall catch fire. To add to the confusion, the second tar pot overturned and set fire to the fresh laid tar on the roof and while Mr. McCarty was endeavoring to put out the flames on the clothing of Mr. Brittain the blaze on the roof grew quite noticeable and the dense clouds of black smoke caused the residents nearby to turn in the fire alarm.

The men on the roof called for assistance as soon as possible and members of the force at the Soennichsen store responded and with the use of a fire extinguisher Edward Grassman soon had the flames subdued.

Aside from the personal injuries suffered by Mr. Brittain there was no serious results suffered from the fire altho it caused much excitement at the store and the nearby places of business.

## DOB MEERSCHAUM OF JUDGE IS RESURRECTED

From Tuesday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon County Judge Allen J. Beeson had a close shave from losing one of his old friends, a pipe that is tried and true, and while strong, is still one of the choicest possessions of the genial judge. We allude to the old cob pipe whose comforting presence has often assisted the court in making many judicial decisions.

It seems that a young man whose business takes him often to the office of the county judge—but not for marriage licenses however—was going some work at the office and on leaving gathered up his various documents and started out. As he moved through the court room the judge was surprised to note a trail of ashes in his wake and made inquiry as to the cause of the leaking ashes that came apparently from among the many legal documents in the hands of the young man. When the matter was called to his attention by a business search and found safely tucked away in an envelope the old hard boiled pipe, the choicest gem of the court's collection, and which was at once returned and placed in its usual resting place in the pipe assortment.

## "THE OLD HOME TOWN"

I stand on the hilltop at close of day,  
And fondly mine eyes look down  
Where twinkle and sparkle like stars  
The lights of the little town.  
And I picture each hearthstone  
So cozy and bright  
As sending a message of hope thro'  
The night  
To some soul returning, with heart  
Filled with yearning  
Cheered on by the beacon light.

## SHOWING IMPROVEMENT

The many friends of Mrs. Everett Noble will be pleased to learn that she is showing signs of improvement at the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha and while not entirely out of danger her improving condition is increasing her chances of recovery. The little son who was born on Friday morning is doing very nicely and the family and friends are looking forward to their return home in the near future.

## HAS A BIG JOB

The Nebraska News-Ledger states that F. R. Cunningham has moved his mill outfit over to the old Mark White farm south of this city along the Missouri river and will start in on a three year contract there in sawing up the supply of timber there. There are 600 big cottonwood trees on the land alone to saw in addition to the large quantity of other lumber.

## BOX SOCIAL FRIDAY EVENING

"Who's who?" At Oxford, Friday, December 1st. Six miles east and one mile north of Manley. Come!  
EDITH REESE, Teacher.

## MARRIED BY JUSTICE

Justice of the Peace William Weber, who hands out justice in fair and impartial measure to all comers, had one of the pleasant experiences of his office Saturday evening, when he was aroused at his home by a rap on the door and laying aside the evening paper hastened to the door to find two young people seeking the consummation of their life's happiness in the nuptial knot. The parties were Russell Price and Miss Cleo Hall, both giving this city as their residence. The ceremony was performed in the most impressive manner and Mr. and Mrs. Price, who witnessed the marriage vows of their friends.

## SKATING POND TO BE STARTED FRIDAY

The Plattsmouth Woman's club, which has been boosting the proposition of a city skating pond, has secured through the kindness of the baseball management the use of the ball park for the pond and the work will start on Friday afternoon to put the proposition over in great shape.

## EMBANKMENT WILL BE THROWN UP AT BALL PARK AND WILL BE FLOODED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

From Tuesday's Daily. The ladies are planning to have the pond lighted if possible and the city has offered the use of some teams to assist in the work of making the embankment but it will be necessary for the co-operation of the men of the community in putting the affair over by helping construct the embankment and the ladies are urging all who can get to the ball park Friday afternoon armed with a shovel and help in the work of making this skating pond possible.

With the generous response that should come from the residents of the community there ought not to be a great deal of difficulty in getting the pond ready in the one day so that when the first real cold snap comes the park can be flooded and the pond placed in shape for the use of the young and the old of the community.

## NINE POUND GIRL

From Monday's Daily. Last evening at 11 o'clock the stork paid a call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ranzard and left in their care a fine nine pound daughter and the occasion has brought a great deal of happiness to the home. The mother and little one are doing nicely and Ed is as happy as the proud father has a right to be over the event.

## COCKRELS FOR SALE

S. C. Rhode Island Red cockrels, \$2.00 each.—C. R. Todd, phone 3192. n16-61sw

## UNIVERSITY MEN WIN

Thirteen alumni of the University of Nebraska were elected to the legislature at the recent election—four to the senate and nine to the house of representatives. The senators-elect are George Williams, '12, Emerson, republican; Chas. J. Warner, '93, Waverly, republican; Charles H. Meacham, '06, Dorchester, republican; Charles E. Allen, '08, Cozad.

Those elected to the house are C. L. Yocum, '14, Talmaga, democrat; Troy L. Davis, '07, Weeping Water, republican; H. M. Baldrige, '21, Omaha, republican; Donald C. Gallagher, O'Neill, republican; A. G. Burke, '02, West Point, republican; J. Reid Green, '07, Lincoln, republican; Paul Dennis, '02, Lincoln, democrat; Ralph P. Wilson, '11, Lincoln, republican, and Leonard D. Denmore, '20, republican.

O. S. Spillman, '08, Pierce, was elected attorney general. Former lieutenant C. B. Anderson of Lincoln was re-elected to the senate.

## SOME NICE WORK

The pupils of the west second ward school have constructed a fine little doll house and the furniture thereon and which is now on display at the S. S. Chase meat market. The work is very clever and shows that the little folks are having their minds trained along the useful arts and would do credit to much older children.

## THE BURLINGTON AND ITS PENSION SYSTEM

Employees of Company Who Have Labored Faithfully for it Find Comfort in Pension.

Recently there has been much discussion of the Burlington pension system. It is a new thing with this railroad, having been established with the beginning of the present year.

Several of the old men have been retired locally on a pension and had it not been for the recent walkout of the men on July 1, there would have been a number of old employes retired on a pension within the near future.

There has been circulated around that the Burlington would take this pension away from their men later on. The Burlington has never been known to do anything of this kind. For the last ten or twelve years a number of old employes have been retired on a gratuity plan. These men have been transferred over to the pension system, and in addition to their pension are being furnished with annual transportation.

Letters have been received at Burlington headquarters from veteran employes all over the system thanking the management for what they have done for them by establishing this pension system which enables them to enjoy the remaining years of their life in comparative comfort. The following is a copy of one of the letters and is a sample of others which are on file:

"Plattsmouth, Neb., Nov. 14, 1922. To the management of the C. B. & Q. R. Co.—Certain rumors are afloat to the effect that the old age pension of the C. B. & Q. employes is not what the company promises and that the employes over seventy years of age are not receiving their pensions. I wish to state that said rumors are false as far as my case or the case of any who have signed up at Plattsmouth are concerned. I received my first pension in February and have been receiving same regularly every month.

"In my opinion it pays to be loyal and stay on the job, for when the day comes and a man is not able to further pursue his daily work a pension comes in mighty handy. "I sure appreciate what the C. B. & Q. has done for me in the way of providing for me in my declining days.

"WILLIAM BALLANCE." A letter is also on file from Mrs. Columbus Neff, wife of the late Columbus Neff, expressing her appreciation to the management for the pension allowed her husband after 62 years of faithful service for the railroad company but who died before said pension was approved and which was received by her for the full time prior to his death.

Another letter on file is from James Kahoutek, an old and faithful employe of the company, wherein he expresses his appreciation for the pension allowed him under the new plan and which is a source of great comfort when it comes to figuring out the financial resources of each month.

Among some of the old and faithful employes pensioned under the gratuity plan are George Schanz and John Bueneck, both retired before the present system was adopted.

Blank Books at the Journal Office.

### When Winter Comes!

When the sky is clear and the roads are good, paying bills in person is just a matter of time. In stormy weather, however, it often entails annoying delays, inconvenience, discomfort.

Why not equip yourself now with some "rough weather money"—a checking account at this bank? Checks can be sent anywhere through the mails safely, any time.

You'll find a checking account helpful in many other ways. Open one at this bank—now—this week.

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

THE BANK WHERE YOU FEEL AT HOME

PLATTSMOUTH NEBRASKA

Member Federal Reserve

Farm Loans: Let me explain my long-time land bank loan.—Searl S. Davis, 201 Plattsmouth State Bank Building. n6-4wsw